

Theodore LIPSCOMB

Milwaukee County Board Chairman
County Supervisor, 1st District

September 28, 2015

County Executive Chris Abele
901 N. 9th St, Room # 306
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Dear County Executive Abele:

Based on the agreement we made nearly six weeks ago, the legislative schedule changed to accommodate that you were not prepared to present your 2016 Recommended Budget at the regularly scheduled meeting. The attached public notice of the October 1st Board meeting demonstrates that I have kept my word.

It is unfortunate that last week you started circulating an invitation to a private September 30th budget address. I always have "subscribed" to receive these types of notifications and press releases from your office, but shockingly did not receive one to this event. It is clear that time was taken to curate your invite list and purge it of certain elected officials. The strange note of "R.S.V.P. Required" on your invite really says everything—a select few, but not all, are welcome to hear how you plan to spend taxpayer dollars.

Your deviation from historical tradition in moving the budget address from the people's Courthouse to a private facility disrespects the people of Milwaukee County. This attempt to dissuade public participation is wrong and validates criticism that you are physically removed from the common citizen and that your Administration prefers to work behind closed doors out of sight of the public eye.

Your selection of the Pritzlaff Building, where the private offices of your venture capital firm and businesses are housed, also raises eyebrows. It is growing increasingly uncomfortable the manner in which you weave your personal and private business dealings around your official responsibilities to the citizens of Milwaukee County. Additionally, I question the appropriateness of having your campaign staff involved in this event.

It seems that you have taken another page right out of the Walker playbook circa 2011.

As always, the public is welcome to attend the Board's legislative proceedings. Further, because this budget presentation is scheduled on the Board floor, it will be available to any member of the public who cannot attend thanks to live-streaming and recording.

Sincerely,



Theodore Lipscomb, Sr.
Milwaukee County Board Chairman





Milwaukee County

COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS
County Courthouse
901 N. 9th Street, Rm. 201
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Meeting Agenda

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

1st, Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. - 2nd, Khalif Rainey
3rd, Gerry Broderick - 4th, Marina Dimitrijevic
5th, Martin Weddle - 6th, James Schmitt
7th, Michael Mayo, Sr. - 8th, Patricia Jursik
9th, Steve F. Taylor - 10th, Supreme Moore Omokunde
11th, Vacant - 12th, Peggy Romo West
13th, Willie Johnson, Jr. - 14th, Jason Haas
15th, Eddie Cullen - 16th, John Weishan, Jr.
17th, Anthony Staskunas - 18th, Deanna Alexander

County Clerk Joseph J. Czarnecki

Thursday, October 1, 2015

9:30 AM

Courthouse Rm 200

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

PRESENTATIONS BY SUPERVISORS

Recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month

PRESENTATION OF THE 2016 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

The Board may take a 10 minute break after the 2016 Recommended Budget is presented

- 1 [15-642](#) From the County Executive, submitting the 2016 Recommended Budget.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

[*http://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx*](http://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx)

Approval of proceedings from September 24, 2015

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS

Matters Returned Unsigned by the County Executive from the Previous County Board Meeting.

None at the time this digest was posted to meet Wisconsin open meeting law requirements.

Veto Actions by the County Executive from the Previous County Board Meeting

None at the time this digest was posted to meet Wisconsin open meeting law requirements.

Confirmation of Appointments

NONE

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES BY AND FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

NONE

COUNTY BOARD CITATIONS AND CERTIFICATES

- 2 15-6 Reference file established by the County Board Chairperson, relative to County Board Citations/Certificates.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES PRESENTED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

None at the time this digest was posted to meet Wisconsin open meeting law requirements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS UNDER SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

ADJOURNMENT